

## House Resolution No. 2323

**Whereas**, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

**Whereas**, the North Kansas City 74 School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Diana Balthasar who has devoted many years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

**Whereas**, Diana Balthasar has distinguished herself by teaching educable mentally handicapped students at Antioch Middle School, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, Diana Balthasar has supported her profession as a valuable member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Council for Exceptional Children, and the Parent Teacher Association; and

**Whereas**, Diana Balthasar is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, some of which include the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Northland Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, the Area Coach of the Year Award from the Missouri Special Olympics, and the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award; and

**Whereas**, Diana Balthasar earned a Master's degree at Central Missouri State University and a Bachelor's degree at William Jewell College:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the North Kansas City 74 School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Diana Balthasar has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement she so justly deserves with ample opportunity to travel, garden, and do craft projects; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Diana Balthasar, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Philip Willoughby  
District No. 33

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2323, adopted April 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker